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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Inadequate pain relief is a serious public health
3 problem in Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, The American Pain Foundation has estimated that 50
5 million people suffer from persistent pain which is associated
6 with lost wages and loss of productivity by American workers;
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WHEREAS, Many factors contribute to uncured or
9 inadequately managed pain and all individuals with pain would
10 benefit from having their pain thoroughly assessed and promptly
11 treated as pain is often accompanied by other symptoms that
12 need to be managed along with the pain; and

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WHEREAS, The General Assembly also finds that appropriate
14 application of excellent pain and symptom management
15 practices, including the use of different treatment
16 modalities, improves the quality of life for those who suffer
17 from pain while reducing the morbidity and cost associated with
18 untreated or inappropriately treated pain; and

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WHEREAS, There has been no comprehensive study in Illinois
20 of the prevalence of intractable pain in the citizens of
21 Illinois, nor has there been an assessment of the pain and

1 symptom management practices of Illinois health care
2 professionals; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 the Task Force on Pain Management be created within the
6 Illinois Department of Public Health to develop a plan to
7 address untreated pain and lack of symptom management as a
8 public health problem; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the plan shall include, but not be limited
10 to:

11 (1) A comprehensive study of pain management conducted
12 by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the
13 University of Illinois;

14 (2) Approaches to assessing pain and symptom
15 management, including advice and recommendations
16 concerning acute and chronic pain and symptom management
17 treatment practices, State statutes and rules regarding
18 pain and symptom management, and use of alternative
19 therapies for pain and symptom management;

20 (3) Recommendations to appropriate public and private
21 entities on acute and chronic pain and symptom management
22 education provided by professional boards or others in the
23 State, acute and chronic pain and symptom management needs
24 of adults, children, and racial and ethnic minority and

1 medically underserved populations, development of a drug
2 repository for unused drugs used for pain and symptom
3 management, and treatment of pain at the end of life; and

4 (4) Recommendations to State licensing boards on
5 integrating pain and symptom management into the customary
6 practice of health care professionals and identifying the
7 roles and responsibilities of the various health care
8 professionals in pain and symptom management and on the
9 duration and content of continuing education requirements
10 for pain and symptom management, on improving access to
11 pain and symptom management in racial and ethnic minority
12 and medically underserved populations, including the
13 elderly population, and on improving access to pain and
14 symptom management for children and adolescents; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the
17 following members: the Director of Public Health or his or her
18 designee; the Secretary of Financial and Professional
19 Regulation or his or her designee; the Director of Healthcare
20 and Family Services or his or her designee; the Secretary of
21 Human Services or his or her designee; the Director of the
22 Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of
23 Illinois or his or her designee; and a maximum of 20 public
24 members appointed by the Governor who shall include, but not be
25 limited to, representatives of the health care provider

1 organizations, minority health organizations, and other users
2 and providers of healthcare; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall also consult with
4 additional entities, the University of Illinois at Urbana,
5 Institute of Government and Public Affairs, voluntary health
6 organizations not represented on the task force, advocates,
7 consumers, relevant professional organizations, and other
8 appropriate entities; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall begin to conduct
10 business upon the appointment of a majority of the voting
11 members; members shall serve without compensation; and the
12 Department shall provide staff and administrative support
13 services to the Task Force; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report of its
15 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General
16 Assembly no later than December 31, 2011; and that the Task
17 Force shall be dissolved after the filing of this report.